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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 622

Introduced by Assembly Member Campos

February 20, 2013

An act to add Section 47605.4 to the Education Code, relating to school districts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 622, as amended, Campos. School districts: charter school petitions: Internet posting.

Existing law authorizes one or more persons to circulate a petition for the establishment of a charter school within a school district, and authorizes the petitioners to submit the petition to the governing board of the school district for review and approval, as provided.

This bill would require the petitioners to post on the proposed or existing charter school’s Internet Web site, if one is maintained, a copy of a summary of the petition, a copy of the initial petition, renewal petition, or appeal petition, and any substantive revisions to the petition, as provided. The bill would require all charter schools to post on their Internet Web sites a copy of the summary of the charter school’s petition and the petition. The bill would also require a charter school authorizer, as defined, ~~to include among other things, the governing board of a school district,~~ to post on its Internet Web site the summary of the petition and a copy of the initial petition, renewal petition, or appeal petition, among other things. The bill would require an initial petition,

a renewal petition, or an appeal petition submitted to a charter school authorizer to simultaneously include an electronic copy of the summary of the charter school petition and the petition. The bill would require any substantive changes to the initial petition or renewal petition to be submitted in electronic form. By requiring new duties on governing boards of school districts, county boards of education, and charter schools, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 47605.4 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 47605.4. (a) (1) If the petitioners of a proposed charter school
4 maintain an Internet Web site for the proposed or an existing
5 charter school, the petitioners shall post on the proposed or existing
6 charter school's Internet Web site a copy of a summary of the
7 petition and a copy of the initial petition, renewal petition, or appeal
8 petition, and any substantive revisions to the petition submitted to
9 the charter school authorizer pursuant to this chapter that contains
10 all the information required to be part of the petition for the
11 establishment of a charter school, ~~within five days from the date~~
12 ~~of submission.~~ school.
13 (2) A charter school that maintains an Internet Web site shall
14 post a copy of the summary of the charter school's petition and a
15 copy of the charter school's petition on the school's Internet Web
16 site.
17 (b) A charter school authorizer shall post on its Internet Web
18 site all of the following:
19 (1) A summary of the petition and a copy of the initial petition,
20 renewal petition, or appeal petition submitted for the establishment
21 of a charter school that is submitted to the charter school authorizer

1 for approval, renewal, or appeal pursuant to this ~~chapter, within~~
2 ~~five days from the date of submission.~~ *chapter.*

3 (2) Any substantive revisions of the petition submitted for initial
4 approval or renewal, ~~within five days from the date of submission.~~
5 *renewal.*

6 (3) A summary of the charter school petition and the charter
7 school petition for each charter school it has authorized.

8 (c) (1) An initial petition, a renewal petition, or an appeal
9 petition submitted to a charter school authorizer for purposes of
10 establishing a charter school shall simultaneously include an
11 electronic copy of the summary of the charter school petition and
12 the charter school petition.

13 (2) Any substantive revisions to the initial petition or renewal
14 petition submitted to the charter school authorizer shall be
15 submitted in electronic form.

16 (d) For purposes of this section, “charter school authorizer”
17 means the governing board of a school district, the county board
18 of education, or the state board, as the case may be.

19 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
20 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
21 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
22 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
23 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.